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Prime Minister Gaston Browne speaking on the Browne and Browne show

The government has made a significant cash injection into Blue Ocean company making it the new majority owner of the dredging company.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne made the major announcement about Antigua and Barbuda's latest infrastructure and maritime expansion on Saturday's **Browne and Browne Show**. The government, he revealed, has taken a majority stake—approximately

75%—in Blue Ocean, the nation's dredging and marine engineering enterprise.

"We just bought this massive dredging machine," Browne explained enthusiastically, sharing photos live during the broadcast. "The operator standing beside it is six feet tall, and the tracks alone tower above him. It's huge."

The equipment, valued at US\$1.2 million, will arrive in about four weeks,

accompanied by a barge worth another US\$1.3 million, bringing the total investment to US\$2.5 million. Together, these assets will position Blue Ocean as the largest dredging company in the Caribbean.

The new dredge, Browne said, will be capable of undertaking heavy-duty marine work, from deepening harbours to reclaiming land and expanding coastlines. "This machine can rip up the jaws of death in the harbour and finish the dredging at North Sound," he said.

The Prime Minister went further, outlining a bold vision for land creation and coastal development:

"There's no reason we can't use this equipment near Sandy Island to expand it tenfold and create a beautiful new bay. We can make more land — a new leisure space for locals and visitors alike."

He emphasized that such innovations were not dreams but tangible, ongoing projects: "We're showing peo-

ple the evidence. We're not just talking — we're building. You're going to see new offshore islands created from that machine. Mark my word."

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Addressing critics, PM Browne underscored his administration's momentum and accountability. "All they do is talk lies," he said. "But we're showing the people the results — concrete investments, real progress. We have the energy, the vision, and the plan. Work with us."

When asked about how such massive machinery would be transported, he explained that the dredge would be disassembled, shipped on specialized flat racks, and reassembled by international experts once it arrives.

"We did the same for our industrial printery," he reminded the hosts. "It's nothing new — just big, exciting progress."




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Young Entrepreneur receives commendation from the prime minister for innovation



A young entrepreneur – Joshua Ackah, 23, - has caught the attention of Prime Minister Gaston Browne who is praising him for his creativity and innovation.

Ackah, a resident of Royal Gardens, was a special guest of the prime minister on the popular Saturday afternoon radio programme, *the Browne and Browne Show*.

Ackah is the founder of ‘*Individuals*’, a new business specializing in customized license plates for motor vehicles.

He explained that the idea began just three months ago and the business was officially launched only a month prior. However, after their debut, the Transport Board released a statement saying that custom plates were illegal — temporarily halting their operations. Acting on the advice of his father, Ackah sought the intervention of the prime

minister, given that he has made it clear that he favours opportunities for young people to get involved in business regardless of their age.

The Prime Minister, always an advocate for youth entrepreneurship, clarified the issue: “I haven’t given the go-ahead, but I’ve arranged a meeting with Mr. Hubert Jarvis, General Manager at the Transport Board. I believe at the front of the vehicle, it is permissible. You just have to pay for it and have it assigned officially.” That meeting takes place on Monday October 6.

He further emphasized the importance of regularizing such initiatives: “We’re trying to create a space for him to apply his trade — to be a supplier.”

When asked about pricing, Joshua mentioned that the plates were being sold for \$300.00, and the Prime Minister humourously requested a custom one reading ‘Buffalo’ — although, as he noted, “that might be a bit too long.”

Prime Minister Browne was clearly enthusiastic for the young entrepreneur’s craftsmanship and enterprise. When Ackah proudly mentioned that the license plates were made of *aluminum*, the Prime Minister was quick to recognize the value: “You can’t lose with this. It’s durable.” The moment captured the supportive tone of the dialogue — a national leader recognizing innovation at the grassroots level.

Ackah’s dedication impressed the

hosts, particularly his creative flexibility. When asked about customizing the plates further, the Prime Minister playfully brainstormed abbreviations for his own plate: “You could put WRD for World Boss.” Amidst the laughter, he even offered immediate support: “I’ll take \$6,000 in plates from you — we’ll give them to our listeners and viewers.”

Ackah was deeply appreciative, and it was clear that this small gesture would significantly boost the visibility of his young business. “Much appreciated, sir,” he said with gratitude, as the studio echoed with applause and encouragement.

When asked about his team, Ackah proudly shared that the project was a family venture between him and his younger brother. Both were involved in graphic design, and Ackah had also built a strong background in music production and video creation.

“Originally, I’m a music producer,” he explained. “But since I do most of the work myself, I learned graphic design because I had to create my own cover art.”

This self-taught skillset — born from necessity and creative curiosity — now forms the backbone of his design enterprise.

Ackah is a graduate of the Antigua and Barbuda International Institute for Technology (ABIIT).



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One million cruise tourism passengers expected for the 2025-26 cruise season

Antigua and Barbuda is expected to welcome in excess of One-million visitors during the 2025-26 cruise tourism season which officially kicked off on October 1, 2025.

The Antigua Cruise Port announced the start of the season with the arrival of the Rhapsody of Seas which sailed into port on October 2, bringing a buzz of excitement and the promise of a record-breaking cruise season ahead.

According to ACP, the 2025-26 cruise tourism season runs from October 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026, and its bookings indicated that the 1-million cruise passengers mark will be topped during the season. The ACP said this represents an increase of 33% over the previous season — reflecting the strong demand and the growing popularity of Antigua and Barbuda as a top Caribbean cruise destination.

It said work continues to advance on the Upland Development Project, bringing

Antigua Cruise Port closer to delivering a state-of-the-art cruise terminal designed to enhance the visitor experience, streamline home-porting operations, and welcome P&O's Arvia by November 15, 2025. The terminal will feature a host of modern amenities and upgraded check-in facilities.

"This cruise season promises to be our busiest yet," said Gasper George, General Manager at Antigua Cruise Port. "We are thrilled to welcome the first ship of the season and with our new Upland Development on the horizon, Antigua Cruise Port is poised to deliver on the commitment to building a world-class, future-ready port!" Mr. George continued — "Thanks to the dedication of our tourism partners and team members, Antigua Cruise Port has enhanced our facilities and service levels this summer, setting the stage for a truly memorable cruise season ahead."

The October schedule of cruise calls shows that there are ten calls listed for the



Rhapsody of the Seas anchored at Heritage Quay



Upland Development In Progress as Cruise Terminal Advances

month. With two already completed, it means that there are eight more cruise calls for the remainder of the month.

Stay connected as we set sail into an exciting 2025/2026 cruise season! For the latest updates on cruise ship arriv-

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Another feather in Antigua and Barbuda's cap

Antigua and Barbuda's push to establish itself as a leading destination for meetings and conferences, is already showing positive results.

World Travel Awards has named Antigua and Barbuda as the Caribbean's Leading Meeting and Conference Destination, 2025. The country won the award ahead of three other Caribbean destinations, Jamaica, Puerto Rico and the Bahamas.

"We are honoured that Antigua and Barbuda has been awarded the Caribbean's Leading Meetings & Conference Destination 2025!"

"This prestigious recognition is a testament to our country's growing and expanding tourism product, as well as the world-class level of service, amenities, and accessibility we offer to host international conferences and meetings," Tourism Minister Charles Max Fernandez stated.

He noted that the successful hosting of the UN SIDS Conference in 2024, Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Associa-



tion (CHTA) Marketplace in 2025, and the Organisation of American States 55th General Assembly in June all contributed to the country's growing reputation in the Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) segment of the tourism industry.

"Additionally, the planned hosting of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in 2026, further proves the outstanding work of the Government, our partners, and

all stakeholders in positioning Antigua and Barbuda as a premier hub for global gatherings.

"This award highlights the islands' exceptional hospitality, stunning venues, and vibrant culture, making us an ideal choice for international events. We look forward to continuing to welcome global delegates to our beautiful twin-island nation," Minister Fernandez declared.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF CREATIVE INDUSTRIES ANNOUNCES THE CHRISTMAS HOME AND BUSINESS LIGHTING COMPETITION 2025:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Wednesday 01st, October 2025 – *St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda.....*
The Department of Creative Industries is pleased to announce the Christmas Home and Business Lighting Competition 2025.

We aim to evoke the spirit of the season through the creative and dazzling lighting display of our 2025 competitors, the Department encourages all interested Home and Business owners to register for the competition on or before Wednesday, December 17, 2025.

Registration Forms are available Mondays to Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Creative Industries Headquarters on Old Parham Road, upstairs INET or the National Festivals Office, 1st Floor Cecil George-John Building, Redcliffe Street and Corn Alley.

Pre-judging will commence on December 20th and 21st December, 2025, while the final displays will be judged on December 28, 2025. Winners will be announced via Good Morning Antigua, Barbuda on Friday, January 5th 2026.

Home entries will be categorized and judged according to the zones – East, West, North, and South. All Home participants will receive a 100% waiver on electricity service for December 15th 2025 to January 15th 2026, Duty-Free concessions on Christmas Lights and or Decorations and a Cash component for the top three winners in each zone as outlined below.

- **First Place - \$ 3,000.00 XCD**
- **Second Place - \$ 2,000.00 XCD**
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Business entries will receive a 50% waiver on electricity service for December 2025, Duty-Free concessions on Christmas Lights and or Decorations and a Cash component for the top three winners as outlined below.

- **First Place - \$ 3,000.00 XCD**
- **Second Place - \$ 2,000.00 XCD**
- **Third Place - \$ 1,000.00 XCD**

Register now to be a part of the joy and splendor of Christmas 2025.

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ABEC wins prestigious award at International conference

The management of the electoral processes in Antigua and Barbuda has attracted international attention after the Antigua and Barbuda Electoral Commission (ABEC) won the Electoral Management Award at an international conference.

In a statement, ABEC said it won the award at the 21st International Electoral Awards ceremony, which took place in Gaborone, Botswana on Friday.

This milestone marks the first time in its history that ABEC has captured the top prize in this category.

The awards ceremony was part of the 21st International Electoral Awards & Symposium, a global gathering of electoral commissions, governance experts, and democracy advocates. The finalists for the Electoral Management Award were ABEC, the National Electoral Institute of Mexico, and the Chhattisgarh State Electoral Commission of India, and ABEC emerged as the winner.

ABEC was represented at the event by Vernest Mack, Member of the Commission, and Trissy Bowers, Executive Secretary to the Commission. Their attendance and participation underscored ABEC's commitment to international standards in electoral administration, transparency, and best practices.

In reflecting on this historic achievement, Ambassador Arthur G. B. Thomas, Chairman of ABEC, said:

“As ABEC is recognized with the Electoral Management Award in Botswana, we celebrate not only an institution but a people. This honour is for Antigua and Barbuda — for every citizen who treasures their vote and for every partner who believes in our democracy. This award tells the world that from our small islands, we can stand tall in integrity and fairness,



showing that our voice in democracy is strong, resilient, and unshakable. May this recognition strengthen our resolve to deepen trust, elevate trans-

parency, and safeguard the inalienable right of the people to elect their leaders — now, and always.”

Supervisor of Elections, Ian S Hughes also expressed “this award is a testament to the unwavering dedication, integrity, and professionalism of the entire ABEC team. It reaffirms our commitment to upholding democratic values and delivering credible, transparent elections for the people of Antigua and Barbuda.”

The Commission extends heartfelt congratulations to every member of staff whose diligence, discipline, and dedication have helped make this recognition possible.

ABEC affirms its determination to build upon this momentum to further strengthen electoral processes, deepen stakeholder engagement, and uphold the highest standards of fairness and credibility in all elections to come.

The Ministry of Health to launch social media campaign to address sugary drinks consumption

The Ministry of Health is to launch a social media campaign starting today to address a troubling statistic; nearly 59% of Antiguan and Barbudan children consume at least one sugary drink daily, a habit linked to rising rates of obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and shortened lives.

This troubling reality has prompted civil society and government partners to launch Sweet Talk on October 6th 2025, a national social media campaign designed to raise awareness of the dangers of sugary drink consumption and build public support for the proposed Sugar-Sweetened Beverage (SSB) Levy.

The initiative brings together the Antigua and Barbuda Diabetes Association (ABDA), the Heart & Stroke Foundation, Antigua and Barbuda (HSFAB), the Healthy Caribbean Coalition (HCC), and the Ministry of Health. Each partner brings a unique perspective and a shared commitment to protecting the nation's health.

Regional leaders have emphasized the importance of bold policies.

Dr. Kenneth Connell, President of the HCC, explains, “the HCC congratulates the Government of Antigua and Barbuda for its commitment to implementing the health levy and strongly endorses the Sweet Talk campaign.



The tax is a proven cost-effective strategy; a key measure of the broader healthy food policy package, which increases water intake while creating healthier food environments.”

The campaign resonates deeply with the Antigua and Barbuda Diabetes Association (ABDA). Charity Dublin, ABDA President, shared, “Every week, I meet families grappling with the devastating effects of diabetes: amputations, dialysis, and lives cut short. We cannot stand by while preventable illnesses continue to rob our people of their health. An SSB levy is a bold, proven step to reduce consumption and support healthier choices.”

Government leadership has also voiced strong support. Sir Molwyn Joseph, Minister of Health, stated, "By introducing a tax on sugar-sweetened beverages, we

are taking a crucial step toward reducing obesity and promoting healthier lifestyles. Revenue will directly benefit schools, families, and communities — making the healthy choice the easy choice.”

The Heart & Stroke Foundation has underscored the urgency of acting now. Ms. Sumita Balooja, HSFAB Vice President, noted, “Too

often, the victims are far too young. Sugary drink consumption fuels silent killers. Through Sweet Talk, we want to inspire Antiguan and Barbudans to make healthier choices and support a policy that puts lives first.”

Grassroots initiatives, including the Foundation's school mascot Arter, continue to promote healthier habits among children, and the campaign will now carry that message nationwide.

Cabinet approved the SSB policy in 2023, and work is underway with the Ministry of Legal Affairs to finalize the legislation. Advocates insist that raising awareness and securing public support are essential to ensure swift implementation.

As Dublin reminds us: “This is about protecting our nation’s future. And that future cannot wait.”

NOTICE

The China Aid Programme in collaboration with The Embassy of China Antigua and Barbuda, Yuan Long Ping High Tech Agriculture Co. Ltd. Ministry of Agriculture Lands Fisheries and the Blue Economy presents, a 3-week training course on Agricultural Water Saving Irrigation for Antigua and Barbuda from 16 th October to 5th November 2025 at the Villa Poly Clinic ,Villa Area.

***Please call 462 0418 or 764 1256 for further information
on registration***

CIBC Caribbean presents \$25,000 to Ministry of Education

The nation's top 100 Grade Six students will be honoured during the 13th Annual CIBC Caribbean Grade Six National Assessment Awards to be held on Thursday 16th October, 2025. The bank has continued its commitment to education by presenting its cheque for \$25,000 to the Ministry of Education, Sports and Creative Industries.

Speaking during the presentation Country Manager, Ladesa James Williams announced that from next year, in addition to the ongoing sponsorship, the bank will be introducing the CIBC Caribbean Volunteerism Award, recognizing Grade 6 students who give back to their community.

"This award will celebrate graduating Grade 6 stu-



CIBC Caribbean National Assessment Awards Sponsorship cheque presentation 3 October, 2025

dents who demonstrate a genuine spirit of service and responsibility by giving back to their community in meaningful ways. The winner will receive a CIBC Caribbean Sure Start savings account with EC\$1,000," she explained.

The criteria for selection include commitment to service, impact on others, leadership in action and character and values.

Director of Education, Clare Browne, who accepted the sponsorship cheque on behalf of the Ministry thanked CIBC for its ongoing tangible support of education in Antigua and Barbuda. He noted that the Volunteerism Award will be an added incentive for students.





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Antigua and Barbuda and Sri Lanka establish Diplomatic Relations



Sir Ronald Sanders, Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda and Mahinda Samarasinghe, Ambassador of Sri Lanka

Upon the signing of Agreement by H.E. Sir Ronald Sanders, Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda to United States of America and H.E. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the United States of America on October 3rd, 2025, in Washington D.C, the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and the Government of Sri Lanka have established Diplomatic Relations between the two countries with immediate effect.

The establishment of diplomatic ties between Antigua and Barbuda and Sri Lanka will enhance the existing friendly relations and cooperation in the political, socio-economic and cultural spheres for the mutual benefit of the two countries.

Sri Lanka and Antigua and Barbuda are both Commonwealth Countries. Sri Lanka hosted the Commonwealth Heads of



Government Meeting in 2013 and Antigua and Barbuda will host the gathering of 56 nations in 2026.

Ambassador Sanders said that “Antigua and Barbuda and Sri Lanka can work together to ensure the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting is a success for the Organization and all member states”. He added that “prior to the Meeting in Antigua and

Barbuda, Prime Minister Gaston Browne is working toward establishing diplomatic relations and visa waiver agreements with as many Commonwealth countries with which such arrangements do not already exist”. This will not only make travel between Commonwealth countries easier, it will also strengthen the value of the Antigua and Barbuda passport.



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ANTIGUA PORT AUTHORITY PARKING LOT
5:00PM

SUNDAY 26 OCT

- **INDEPENDENCE CHURCH SERVICE**
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH CREEKSIDE
4:00PM

MONDAY 27-29 OCT

- **NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE
BUSINESS DECOR COMPETITION**

MONDAY 27 OCT

- **NATIONAL HEROES DAY
WREATH LAYING CEREMONY**
HEROES PARK- SIR SYDNEY WALLINGS HIGHWAY
10:00 AM

TUESDAY 28 OCT

- **FESTIVAL OF CHOIRS**
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8:00PM
- **BARBUDA DAY ACTIVITIES (TBC)**



WEDNESDAY 29 OCT

- **SCHOOLS' INDEPENDENCE PROGRAMS**
SCHOOLS ACROSS THE STATE
- **GOLDEN AGE CELEBRATIONS**
VARIOUS COMMUNITIES IN ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
- **THEATRICAL PRESENTATION
"WADADLI ROOTS"**
7:30PM (TBC)

THURSDAY 30 OCT

- **NATIONAL YOUTH RALLY** 8:30AM
- **CHEERLEADING COMPETITION** 11:30AM
SIR VIVIAN RICHARDS STADIUM
- **INDEPENDENCE CALYPSO COMPETITION**
JACK IDLE
8:00PM

FRIDAY 31 OCT

- **NATIONAL DRESS DAY**
- **NATIONAL FLAG DAY**
- **UNCHARTERED WATERS**
JOHN E ST. LUCE BUILDING
8:00PM

SATURDAY 01 NOV

- **INDEPENDENCE FLAG CEREMONY**
BARBUDA
9:00AM
- **NATIONAL FOOD FAIR**
SIR VIVIAN RICHARDS STADIUM
10:00AM UNTIL
- **INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIAL
PARADE & NATIONAL AWARDS**
SIR VIVIAN RICHARDS STADIUM
5:30PM

MONDAY 03 NOV

- **BURNING FLAMES HIGHWAY
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BURNING FLAMES HIGHWAY
(TIME TBC)

Local News

Sgt Warner is serving his sentence at the prison facility at the former Pan Am Base

The police officer who was found guilty of illegally discharging his service weapon in a public place, and who was sentenced to a one year in prison, is serving his sentence at the prison facility at the former US Pan Am Base at Coolidge.

37-year old Sgt. Karim Warner was sentenced on Friday when he appeared in the magistrate's court to learn of his fate. He was found guilty just days earlier by the court.

Prison sources say Warner is being housed at the facility at the Pan Am Base 'for his own safety and well-being'. He is one of two persons serving prison sentences at the facility. The other is a UK national who was convicted on rape charges and who is being housed at the facility under an agreement with the UK government.

The rooms at the Pan Am Base that serve as part of the prison have been converted to cells. However, they offer accommodation that is better than what is available at the main prison at 1735.

On Friday, the magistrate found that Warner has abused his authority when he discharged twelve rounds of bullet at a motor vehicle with two occupants inside. In the victim statement, one person spoke of sheer 'terror' caused by the discharge of bullets. The magistrate also noted the damage to property, the motor vehicle.

In terms of mitigating circumstances, the magistrate made note of the character witnesses testimonies and Warner's past history of positive action. Additionally, he cooperated with the police on the scene and upon his arrest.

The magistrate also made note of the potential for his rehabilitation. The penalty for this crime is a maximum of two years, but given all the circumstances of the case, the magistrate sentenced the officer to one year in prison.



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DR Consulate General offers condolences to family of farm worker who died tragically on Saturday

A Dominican Republic national employed as a farm worker here in Antigua and Barbuda lost his life tragically last Saturday when he fell from a roof of a farm building and died shortly after due to severe head injuries.

The victim has been identified as 23-year old Michael Alexander Garcia. The accident happened on a farm in the Blackout Area near Potswork Dam.

In an official statement, the Consulate General of the Dominican Republic in Antigua and Barbuda, under the direction of the Honorable Consul Joaquín Díaz López, says it deeply regrets the tragic passing of a young Dominican national that occurred this Saturday in the Blackout area.

“By instruction of the Honorable Consul, the Director of the Consular Cabinet, Mr. Huascar Félix, will provide direct follow-up on the case in coordination with local authorities, ensuring support and assistance to the victim’s family.

“We extend our heartfelt condolences to his loved ones and to the Dominican community in Antigua and Barbuda during this difficult time.”

The statement from the Consulate General of the Dominican Republic in Antigua and Barbuda was issued on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Antigua and Barbuda police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Garcia, a father of a three-year-old.

The incident occurred around 4:30 p.m. in along Dam Road. Garcia was said to be on the roof of a building



Michael Alexander Garcia

when he fell, suffering severe head injuries.

Emergency Medical Services personnel arrived to find him lying in a pool of blood. Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians Marina Walker and Mekile Tonkinson are being commended for their efforts to resuscitate him.

Despite their attempts and continued efforts by doctors at Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre, Garcia was later pronounced dead. The tragedy has deeply affected Antigua’s Hispanic community, with many gathering at the hospital Saturday evening to mourn his death.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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This notice serves as a final and urgent call for all remaining depositors of Antigua Overseas Bank Ltd to contact the Joint Liquidators and file a claim for possible settlement of amounts being distributed by the Estate.

All claims, duly substantiated with the required documentation, must be submitted to the Joint Liquidators on or before October 31, 2025.

Claim forms and further information can be obtained by contacting the Joint Liquidators at the address and email provided below.

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Dated this 01 October, 2025.

2025 WORLD TEACHER'S DAY MESSAGE

FROM THE DESK of DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION



Each year, World Teachers' Day provides the global community with an opportunity to pause, reflect, and honour the transformative role that educators play in shaping minds, hearts, and nations. Today, as we join in this 31st annual observance under the theme "*Recasting Teaching as a Collaborative Profession*," we, in the Ministry of Education, Sports and Creative Industries, are proud to salute every teacher across our beautiful nation. We salute you, not just for what you do, but for who you are.

This year's theme calls us to reimagine, even redefine, what it means to be a teacher in a rapidly changing world. It challenges the long-held image of the teacher as a solitary figure standing alone at the front of a classroom. Instead, it affirms what we in the Ministry have always known: teaching is, and must be, a collaborative profession. Collaboration is not an option for the future; it is a necessity of the now.

Our students, largely drawn from Generation Z and Generation Alpha, come into our schools with needs that are dynamic, complex, and continually evolving. These generations require learning environments that are adaptive, relevant, and technologically empowered, while remaining deeply human. They need educators who are

not only content experts, but who also model emotional intelligence, resilience, cultural awareness, and innovative thinking.

This reality cannot be met by individual effort alone. It requires teachers working together, across disciplines, schools, communities, and borders. It requires shared wisdom, joint planning, co-teaching, and reflective dialogue. It requires professional learning communities that foster mutual accountability and support.

This vision finds a natural home in our own national theme for the academic year:

"Colouring Outside the Lines - through Harmonized Efforts and Collaboration."

To colour outside the lines is to refuse to be confined by outdated structures. It is to embrace creativity, flexibility, and innovation, not as luxuries, but as essential tools of 21st-century education. Yet, colouring outside the lines is not chaotic or disconnected, it is intentional, informed, and harmonized. And it is most effective when done together.

As a Ministry, we are deeply aware of the intricate challenges you face in the classroom each day. You teach through uncertainty. You manage shifting expectations. You respond to the unique needs of every child, even when your own needs are great. And still, you show up. Still, you care. Still, you teach.

This year's themes invite us to move from survival to synergy, to tap into the collective genius that already exists in our schools, to build networks of collaboration that support each teacher and enrich every student's experience.

We acknowledge that great teaching is demanding work, intellectually, emotionally, and socially. And we do

not take your efforts for granted. As we mark World Teachers' Day 2025, we recommit ourselves to:

- ▶ Creating and sustaining spaces for teacher collaboration at all levels of the education system;
- ▶ Recognizing and rewarding the spirit of innovation and teamwork in education;
- ▶ Listening to your voices and engaging your expertise in national educational planning;
- ▶ Providing training, mentorship, and emotional support systems that enable you to thrive as individuals and as members of a professional learning community.

We know that when teachers collaborate, students win. Schools become more vibrant. Communities become more resilient. And nations move closer to their aspirations.

To every teacher who stays late planning lessons, who encourages a struggling student, who lends a hand to a colleague, who seeks out new methods to better serve your learners, thank you. You are more than educators, you are nation builders, culture shapers, and vision carriers.

May you continue to teach with courage.

May you continue to collaborate with confidence.

And may you continue to colour boldly outside the lines, knowing that your efforts are not only seen, but deeply valued.

Happy World Teachers' Day 2025. May strength, grace, and wisdom accompany your every step.

With deepest respect and appreciation,

Clare Browne
Director of Education

**TUES - FRIDAY
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Beyond the Ramp: Redefining Accessibility in Antigua & Barbuda



What comes to your mind when you hear the word accessibility? For many, it's ramps, rails, or a special bathroom. But let's pause—can we really call a space accessible if a person who is blind can't read the signs? Or if a deaf person can't follow what's being said? Accessibility isn't just physical; it's psychological, technological, and cultural. Inclusive development demands that everyone, regardless of ability, can participate and benefit. That's why our recent visit to the Government House Museum felt like a celebration of inclusion in motion.

The team there isn't just checking boxes; they're re-imagining access. Two bathrooms were condemned to make space for a lift—yes, a lift, in one of the island's oldest heritage sites! Two others are being redesigned to ensure wheelchair users have adequate space. Even the ramp, which was once considered sufficient, is being redone to meet international standards. This is no small feat. It's a balancing act between preserving heritage and preparing for the future.

The UN CRPD declares, "States Parties shall take appropriate measures

to ensure access, on an equal basis with others, to the physical environment, transportation, information and communications." Antigua and Barbuda signed on to that promise—and what we're witnessing now is that promise coming alive, brick by brick. As the Disabilities and Equal Opportunities Act 2017 reminds us, accessibility is a right, not a favor. It affirms that "reasonable accommodation shall be provided to ensure persons with disabilities enjoy or exercise all human rights and freedoms on an equal basis with others." So, when a museum lifts its walls—literally—to make room for inclusion, it's not just construction; it's transformation. It's proof that we're moving from awareness to action. And here's the question for all of us: if a building as old and complex as the Government House Museum can adapt, what's stopping our modern offices, schools, and public institutions from doing the same? Accessibility benefits everyone—parents with strollers, the elderly, those recovering from injury. Inclusion isn't charity; it's common sense.

So yes, beyond the ramps and bathrooms lies the real heart of acces-



sibility: equal participation. And if Antigua and Barbuda continues in this direction, we'll soon be a nation that doesn't just speak inclusion but lives it every day.

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Regional News

Sangster International Airport named Caribbean's leading airport for 17th consecutive year

The Sangster International Airport (SIA) has been named the Caribbean's Leading Airport 2025 by World Travel Awards (WTA), which marks its 17th consecutive year of winning this award.

The announcement was made on Saturday, October 4, during the WTA Caribbean & North America Gala Ceremony 2025 at the Sandals Grande Saint Lucian Resort in St Lucia. The ceremony is part of the organisation's annual Grand Tour, which recognises excellence across all key sectors of the travel, tourism, and hospitality industries worldwide.

For Shane Munroe, chief executive officer of MBJ Airports Limited (MBJ), operator of the Sangster International Airport, it is a humbling recognition.

"We are deeply honoured to receive this recognition for the 17th consecutive year," said Munroe as he dedicated the award to the MBJ team, wider SIA community and all their stakeholders. "This achievement is a testament to the unwavering dedication of our over 7,500 exceptional team members and partners who work tirelessly every day to create memorable experiences for every traveller who passes through our gates. We remain committed to continuing to serve with passion and humility, continuously innovating, and raising the



bar for airport operations in the Caribbean and beyond."

The SIA serves as Jamaica's primary tourism gateway accommodating over 70 per cent of the island's air travellers.

The recognition comes as MBJ continues to invest significantly in infrastructure, passenger experience enhancements, sustainability initiatives, and technological innovations at the SIA.

Over the past year, several major projects were completed to meet the growing travel demand and improve operational efficiency. Among the initiatives being implemented are full biometric integration on departures to complete the rollout already done in Arrivals at the e-Gates.

Self-bag drop, the automated system that allows passengers to check in and drop off their own luggage without airline staff assistance, is expected to be piloted later this year.

Looking ahead, Munroe

and his team are focused on striking the right balance between capacity growth with exceptional customer experience. Munroe highlighted expanding the check-in area, parking facilities, the Immigration Hall and the East Concourse as high-priority projects that will ensure an even more efficient and pleasant experience for travellers.

"The airport is an integral part of the visitor experience," Munroe stated, noting the airport's role as a key tourism partner. "We are both the first and last impression visitors have of Jamaica — welcoming them upon arrival and providing their final taste of our renowned hospitality at departure. This understanding drives our commitment to excelling across all touchpoints, from our amenities and facilities to our service delivery. This recognition, for the 18th time [17th consecutive win], further inspires us to raise the bar even higher as we contin-

ue our journey of transformation and service excellence."

This was reiterated by Sharon Hislop-Holt, manager of commercial business development and marketing, who underscored the collaborative effort behind this success.

"This remarkable achievement reflects the incredible support and partnership we enjoy with our stakeholders, airline partners and the wider airport community. Every award we receive is shared with those who believe in our vision and work alongside us to deliver the exceptional Jamaican hospitality that our visitors have come to expect. We are grateful for their continued trust and collaboration and look forward to continued high service delivery in the years to come," she said.

Established in 1993, the WTA is recognised globally as the ultimate hallmark of industry excellence, with its gala ceremonies regarded as milestone events attended by the industry's key stakeholders. The WTA Caribbean & North America Gala Ceremony 2025 celebrates the finest travel and tourism organisations across the region. Winners from the regional ceremonies will advance to compete in the World Travel Awards Grand Final at the end of the year. (Jamaica Observer)

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Police in Trinidad foil drone-assisted plot to smuggle contraband into prison

A major intelligence-led operation in Trinidad involving several arms of national security disrupted an attempted drone-based contraband smuggling operation near the Arouca Maximum Security Prison between Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Acting on credible intelligence, law enforcement officers conducted surveillance in the Forde Street Extension, Bon Air area, after receiving reports of individuals attempting to use a drone to smuggle contraband into the prison.

A search of a nearby bushy area resulted in the apprehension of two suspects — a 13-year-old boy from Oropune Gardens and a 26-year-old man from Tunapuna — who at-



tempted to flee by running through dense vegetation and leaping from a 25-foot embankment.

They were held following a targeted search of a river in the area.

Police said one of them sustained injuries during his escape attempt and was treated at a medical facility.

A simultaneous search inside the Maximum Security

Prison turned up additional contraband.

A nearby premises was also searched under Section 12 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2025, but no illegal items were found.

Investigations are continuing under the supervision of Acting Corporal Hyde.

In a statement, the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) said investigations

are continuing.

It said it remains committed, along with the Prison Service, to disrupting criminal networks and preventing illegal items from entering correctional facilities.

The exercise was coordinated by Commissioner of Police Allister Guevarro, Deputy Commissioner Suzette Martin, and Senior Superintendent of Prisons Lee Davis.

The joint operation involved personnel from the TTPS, the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force Specialist Units, the Port of Spain Task Force, the Multi Operational Police Section, the Crime Scene Unit, the Prison Service, and the Special Investigative Unit. (CMC)

Missing 29-year-old woman found dead in suitcase in Savanna-la-Mar

The body of a woman was found in a suitcase Saturday in Savanna-la-Mar.

It was reportedly found in a gully within the community of Gully Banks.

The deceased has been identified as 29-year-old Kerrian

Malcolm of Barracks Road in Savanna-la-Mar.

Malcolm was reported missing on Thursday.

She was last seen at home about 11:00 pm the previous day, according to police reports. At the time, she was reportedly wearing a brown sleeveless blouse and blue and white shorts. (Jamaica Observer)



Sean 'Diddy' Combs' lawyers plan to appeal as convicted hip-hop star faces more years behind bars

Attorneys for Sean 'Diddy' Combs are planning to appeal after the Grammy-winning artist and music executive was sentenced Friday to more than four years in prison for transporting people across state lines for sexual encounters.

The case shattered his carefully cultivated reputation as an affable celebrity entrepreneur, A-list party host and reality TV star.

It culminated a public reckoning for the 55-year-old hip-hop star, who made a plea for leniency and wept as his lawyers played a video portraying his family life, career and philanthropy.

US District Judge Arun Subramanian also fined Combs \$500,000, the maximum allowed.

Combs was convicted in July of flying his girlfriends and male sex work-



ers around the country to engage in drug-fuelled sexual encounters over many years and in multiple places.

The sordid, nearly two-month trial in a federal court in Manhattan featured harrowing testimony from women

who said Combs beat, threatened, sexually assaulted and blackmailed them.

He was acquitted of sex trafficking and racketeering charges that could have put him behind bars for life. (Jamaica Gleaner)



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Federal appeals court rules Trump administration can't end birthright citizenship

A federal appeals court in Boston ruled on Friday that the Trump administration cannot withhold citizenship from children born to people in the country illegally or temporarily, adding to the mounting legal setbacks for the president's birthright order.

A three-judge panel of the 1st US Circuit Court of Appeals became the fifth federal court since June to either issue or uphold orders blocking the president's birthright order.

The court concluded that the plaintiffs are likely to succeed on their claims that the children described in the order are entitled to birthright citizenship under the Citizenship Clause of the 14th Amendment.

The panel upheld lower courts' preliminary injunctions, which blocked the birthright order while lawsuits challenging it moved ahead.

The order, signed the day the president took office in January, would halt automatic citizenship for babies born to people in the US illegally or temporarily.

"The 'lessons of history' thus give us every reason to be wary of now blessing this most recent effort to break with our established tradition of recognising birthright citizenship and to make citizenship depend on the actions of one's parents rather than — in all but the rarest of circumstances — the simple fact of being



born in the United States," the court wrote.

California Attorney General Rob Bonta, whose state was one of nearly 20 that were part of the lawsuit challenging the order, welcomed the ruling.

"The First Circuit reaffirmed what we already knew to be true: The President's attack on birthright citizenship flagrantly defies the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and a nationwide injunction is the only reasonable way to protect against its catastrophic implications," Bonta said in a statement. "We are glad that the courts have continued to protect Americans' fundamental rights."

A second appeals court ruling on Friday also found in favour of several organisations that challenged the birthright citizenship order.

The plaintiffs, including New Hampshire Indonesian Community Support and League of United Lat-

in American Citizens, were represented by the American Civil Liberties Union.

"The federal appeals court today reinforced that this executive order is a flagrant violation of the U.S. Constitution — and we agree," said SangYeob Kim, senior staff attorney at the ACLU of New Hampshire.

"Our Constitution is clear: no politician can decide who among those born in this country is worthy of citizenship."

In September, the Trump administration asked the Supreme Court to uphold its birthright citizenship order.

The appeal sets in motion a process at the high court that could lead to a definitive ruling from the justices by early summer on whether the citizenship restrictions are constitutional.

"The court is misinterpreting the 14th Amendment. We look forward to being vindicated by the Supreme Court," White House

spokesperson Abigail Jackson said in a statement.

In July, US District Judge Leo Sorokin in Boston issued the third court ruling blocking the birthright order nationwide after a key Supreme Court decision in June.

Less than two weeks later, a federal judge in Maryland also issued a nationwide preliminary injunction against the order. The issue is expected to move quickly back to the nation's highest court.

The justices ruled in June that lower courts generally can't issue nationwide injunctions, but they didn't rule out other court orders that could have nationwide effects, including in class-action lawsuits and those brought by states.

A federal judge in New Hampshire later issued a ruling prohibiting Trump's executive order from taking effect nationwide in a new class-action suit, and a San Francisco-based appeals court affirmed a different lower court's nationwide injunction in a lawsuit that included state plaintiffs.

At the heart of the lawsuits challenging the birthright order is the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, which includes a citizenship clause that says all people born or naturalised in the United States, and subject to US jurisdiction, are citizens. (AP)

Judge blocks Trump policy to detain migrant children turning 18 in adult facilities

A federal judge has temporarily blocked a new Trump administration policy to keep migrant children in detention after they turn 18, moving quickly to stop transfers to adult facilities that advocates said were scheduled for this weekend.

US District Judge Rudolph Contreras on Saturday issued a temporary restraining order to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement to not detain any child who came to the country alone and without permission in ICE adult detention facilities after they become an adult.

The Washington, D.C., judge found that such automatic detention violates a court order he issued in 2021 barring such practices.

ICE and the US Department of Homeland Security didn't immediately respond Saturday to emails seeking comment.

The push to detain new adults is yet another battle over one of the most sensitive issues in President Donald Trump's hard-line immigration agenda — how to treat children who cross the border unaccompanied by adults.

The Associated Press reported Friday that officials are offering migrant children age 14 and older \$2,500 to voluntarily return to their home countries.

Last month a separate federal judge blocked attempts to immediately deport Guatemalan migrant children who came to the US alone back to their home country.

Some children had been put on board planes in that late-night operation before a judge blocked it.

"All of these are pieces of the same general policy to coerce immigrant youth into giving up their right to seek protection in the United States," said Michelle Lapointe, a lawyer for the American Immigration Council, one of the groups that asked Contreras to



intervene in a filing made just after midnight Saturday.

Unaccompanied children are held in shelters run by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, under not ICE but the U.S. Health and Human Services Department. Contreras' 2021 order instructed federal officials to release minors who turn 18 from those shelters to "the least restrictive setting available." He ruled that is what is required by federal law as long as the minor isn't a danger to themselves or others and isn't a flight risk. Minors are often released to the custody of a relative, or maybe into foster care.

But lawyers who represent unaccompanied minors said they began getting word in the last few days that ICE was telling shelters that children who were about to turn 18 — even those who had already-approved release plans — could no longer be released and would instead be taken to detention facilities, possibly as early as Saturday.

One email from ICE asserted that the new adults could only be released by ICE under its case-by-case parole authority for "urgent humanitarian reasons" or "significant public benefit." From March through September, ICE has paroled fewer than 500 people overall.

The plaintiffs argued that "release on parole is all but a dead letter" and

that children ageing out of shelters would experience lasting harm from "unnecessary and inappropriate adult detention" in jails that might be overcrowded or in remote locations. The plaintiffs said that was especially true because some of the clients they cited had been victims of trafficking or had been abused, neglected or abandoned by their parents.

US border authorities have arrested children crossing the border without parents more than 400,000 times since October 2021. A 2008 law requires them to appear before an immigration judge before being returned to their countries.

Children have been spending more time in government-run shelters since the Trump administration put them under closer scrutiny before releasing them to family in the United States to pursue their immigration cases.

The additional scrutiny includes fingerprinting, DNA testing and home visits by immigration officers. Over the summer, immigration officers started showing up and arresting parents.

The average length of stay at government-run shelters for those released in the US was 171 days in July, down from a peak of 217 days in April but well above 37 days in January, when Trump took office. (Jamaica Gleaner)

Sandals still unbeaten in defence of Business Basketball League title

Defending champions Sandals extended their unbeaten run in defense of their title in the 2025 Cool and Smooth Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Business League Championships on Saturday night.

Sandals, who won the round-robin league and the playoff titles last year, claimed their fifth win in as many outings with an 87-61 drubbing of former champions Antigua and Barbuda Transport in the last game of a triple-header at the JSC Sports Complex.

Keroi Lee shot a game-high 30 points, T-Shawn Lewis sank 23 points, and Selassie Brathwaite scored 15 points for Sandals.

Marlon Charles produced 18 points, 14 rebounds, and four assists; Ariel Quallis sank 12 points, and Kelvin Simon scored 10 points for the Transport Board, who lost for the third successive time after winning their previous three matches.

Last year's third-place finishers, Richie's Shooterz, notched up their third win in as many outings with a 98-54 drubbing of Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre.

Nickon McGregor sank 24 points; Tajahron Davis produced 24 points, seven assists, and six steals; Devorn Benjamin scored 19 points; and Jaylele Joseph chipped in with 14 points and four assists for Richie's Shooterz.

Nigel Joseph converted 13 points, and Naeem Jo-



Sandals, the 2024 Cool and Smooth Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's Business League champions.

seph scored 11 points for Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre, who suffered their fourth loss in five encounters.

Anjo Wholesale notched up their fifth win in six matches by snatching a narrow 73-72 victory against the Sledge O Ballers.

Steven Matthew sank 18 points; Jesus Emmanuel produced 15 points, nine rebounds, five assists, and four steals; and Derick Perez converted 15 points for Anjo Wholesale.

Leroy Percival sank 23 points and grabbed seven rebounds; Deon "Harry" Jules converted 18 points; and Terry Roberts scored 14 points and snatched seven rebounds for the Sledge O Ballers, who lost for the fourth time in six matches.

Anjo Wholesale also enjoyed more success with an 86-67 victory against J&J Landscaping Services in their previous encounter.

Steven Matthew produced 21 points, six rebounds, and six assists; Derick Perez sank 20 points; Webster Baptista converted 19 points and claimed eight rebounds; and Jesus Emmanuel contributed 12 points, 14 rebounds, and nine assists for Anjo Wholesale.

Tyndale Telemaque scored 14 points and snatched seven rebounds; Dwayne Samuel converted 12 points and claimed seven rebounds; and Molefi Joseph sank 11 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for J&J Company Landscaping Services, who suffered their second loss in as many games.

After losing their opening two games, H. Wright Promotions secured their third win in five matches with a 90-54 drubbing of Fearless Security Services.

Donte Trimmingham sank 20 points; Humroy Wright converted 19 points; Javonte Daley produced 11 points

and five steals; and Sadiq Phillip scored 10 points and claimed eight rebounds for H. Wright Promotions.

Beniah Mark shot a game-high 22 points for Fearless Security Services, who lost for the fifth time in as many games.

The Antigua Power Company recorded their third win in four matches by snatching a narrow 59-55 victory over Antigua Computer Technology.

Ammiel Williams scored 11 points, and Sergio Symister converted 11 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Antigua Power Company.

Hansel Piper sank 11 points and claimed four steals; Ryan Shepherd produced 11 points, 15 rebounds, and eight blocks; and Henry Dorsette scored 10 points for Antigua Computer Technology, who suffered their fifth loss in as many games.

India crush West Indies by innings and 140 runs



India's Kuldeep Yadav, second left, celebrates with teammates after the dismissal of West Indies' captain Roston Chase on the third day of the first Test cricket match between India and West Indies at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, India, Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025. (AP)

GUJARAT (Reuters) - India cruised to victory over West Indies by an innings and 140 runs within three days of the opening Test in Ahmedabad on Saturday to take a 1-0 lead in the two-match series.

The hosts were always in the ascendancy after bundling out the West Indies for 162 in their first innings at the Narendra Modi Stadium.

India racked up 448 for five before declaring their first innings, riding hundreds by opener KL Rahul and middle order batters Dhruv Jurel and Ravindra Jadeja.

Jadeja (four for 54) then led India's superb bowling,

aided by a catching masterclass, as they skittled out West Indies for 146 to secure a comfortable win ahead of the second Test in New Delhi from October 10.

Jadeja was adjudged player-of-the-match while seamer Mohammed Siraj finished with seven wickets in the match.

Captain Shubman Gill said with Jadeja, Kuldeep Yadav and Washington Sundar at his disposal, he was spoilt for choice.

"When you've got quality spinners like them, it's difficult to rotate them," he said.

"It's good to have too

many options rather than not having options...That's the fun of playing in India.

"You know there will always be someone who will be out there, ready to get the job done for the team. The entire team and the young team came out with flying colours."

Earlier, India decided a lead of 286 was good enough and declared on their overnight score.

For the second time in the match, the West Indies top order wilted almost against India's incisive bowling backed by their sharp catching.

Nitish Kumar Reddy, manning square leg, flew

to his left to take a stunning catch after Tagnarine Chandrapaul had pulled Siraj. Jadeja then dealt back-to-back blows to rattle the touring side.

John Campbell lunged forward and guided a delivery into Sai Sudharsan's hands at short leg, while Brandon King perished when KL Rahul took a smart, low catch at slip.

Left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep uprooted rival captain Roston Chase's off-stump to reduce West Indies to 35 for four.

Jadeja picked up his third wicket when Yashasvi Jaiswal dived forward at backward point to take a good catch to send back Shai Hope.

Jayden Seales (22) produced an entertaining cameo but it was not enough for West Indies to avoid an innings defeat.

"When you win the toss and get bowled out for 160-odd it is tough to come back from that," Chase said.

"Not the performance we were looking for. We have to bat better especially in India.

"You have to put a big first-innings total on the board especially with the ball spinning, and pitch deteriorating...I think that's something we need to look at."

Postecoglou under fire as Forest lose again

NEWCASTLE (Reuters) - Newcastle United beat Nottingham Forest 2-0 to heap more pressure on Ange Postecoglou while Crystal Palace's club-record unbeaten run came to an end with defeat at Everton in the Premier League on Sunday.

Bottom side Wolverhampton Wanderers were denied their first win of the season when Brighton & Hove Albion scored a late equaliser in a 1-1 draw at Molineux.

Erling Haaland scored his ninth Premier League goal of the season to earn Manchester City a laboured 1-0 victory at Brentford, which lifted them to fifth in the table.

In the other match on Sunday, Aston Villa beat Burnley 2-1, thanks to two goals by Donyell Malen.

But it was Postecoglou who found himself under fire after Newcastle midfielder Bruno Guimaraes curled a long-range strike into the top corner before earning the penalty put away by German striker Nick Woltemade.

Postecoglou has yet to win a game since taking over at Forest last month, a run of seven games in all competitions that includes five defeats -- the worst start by a Forest manager in a century.

"I knew it was a big challenge walking in, there is nothing wrong with that. I don't get why people think it is a burden but I love a challenge. The alternative is sitting at home watching the game and I don't want to do



Newcastle United's Bruno Guimaraes, 3rd left, celebrates with teammates after scoring their side's first goal of the game during the English Premier League soccer match between Newcastle United and Nottingham Forest at St James' Park, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, Sunday Oct. 5, 2025. (AP)

that," Postecoglou told the BBC.

Palace saw their club-record 19-game unbeaten run come to an end when Jack Grealish scored his first goal for Everton with a 93rd-minute winner in a 2-1 victory for the Merseyside club.

Daniel Munoz had given Palace the lead in the first half with a goal at the near post and Oliver Glasner's side had dared to dream when it moved them provisionally up to second in the league behind Arsenal.

But Iliman Ndiaye levelled from the spot before Grealish stole into the box to knock in a rebound in a melee after goalkeeper Dean Henderson had made a save.

Wolves profited from an unlikely own goal when Bart Verbruggen made a fine attempt to save Marshall Munetsi's shot, only to tip it on to the crossbar before it bounced back off the keeper and into the net.

The goal came a minute after Wolves boss Vitor Pereira was sent off for kicking the ball into the dugout to protest a decision, but his team held on to their lead until the 86th minute when Brighton scored from a quickly taken corner.

Jan Paul van Hecke rose above the defence to direct a bullet header into the net as the two teams shared the spoils.

The Norwegian Haaland muscled through to finish in style in the ninth minute

to continue his impressive start to the season as City extended their unbeaten run in all competitions to seven.

It should have been far more comfortable for Pep Guardiola's side though and they were dealt a potentially significant blow when midfielder Rodri went off injured in the first half.

Brentford failed to have a touch in the City penalty area in the first half but did liven up after the break and Igor Thiago wasted a glorious chance to equalise.

City came under pressure late on under Brentford's aerial assault but held on to move to 13 points from seven games, three behind leaders Arsenal heading into the international break.



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India beat Pakistan in women's World Cup

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Seam bowler Kranti Goud and spinner Deepti Sharma took three wickets each as India routed archrival Pakistan by 88 runs in their women's World Cup match on Sunday, which had a controversial dismissal.

Pakistan captain Fatima Sana won the toss and chose to bowl first in the 50-over match at R. Premadasa Stadium, Colombo.

India were all out for 247 in 50 overs. In reply, Pakistan were dismissed for 159 in 43 overs. The only half-century of the game came from Pakistan's Sidra Amin, who made 81 runs in her 13th score over 50 in one-day internationals.

Amin shared 69 runs for the fourth wicket with Natalia Pervaiz (33) to lift Pakistan's hopes briefly after being reduced to 26 for three.

Pakistan's first wicket was lost in a confusing manner when opening batter Muneeba Ali was adjudged run out. Ali had grounded her bat after returning to her



Pakistan's Sidra Amin celebrates her fifty runs during the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup match between India and Pakistan at Premadasa Stadium in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025. (AP)

crease, having moved forward to play a shot.

Her bat was seen lifted when an Indian fielder hit the stumps. Sana argued with the fourth umpire that the batter was not attempting a run but the decision stood.

The frosty relations were evident in Colombo too where Kaur

and Sana did not shake hands at the toss, nearly ignoring each other's presence.

India captain Harmanpreet Kaur and Pakistan counterpart Fatima Sana skipped the customary handshake before a women's cricket World Cup match on Sunday amid ongoing tensions

between the rivals that plagued the men's Asia Cup last month.

India-Pakistan relations have significantly deteriorated following military conflicts in May that nearly escalated into a full-fledged war between the nuclear-armed neighbours.

India beat Pakistan three times in the men's Asia Cup, including in the September 28 final in Dubai, but refused to shake hands with their counterparts before or after the matches.

They also declined to receive the winners' trophy from Asian Cricket Council (ACC) president Mohsin Naqvi, who is Pakistan's interior minister.

Bilateral cricket remains suspended between India and Pakistan, who play each other only in multi-team events at neutral venues.

India are the hosts of the ongoing women's World Cup but Pakistan will be playing all their matches in Colombo under an agreement approved by the International Cricket Council.

PMS wins titles in schools' football knockout competitions

The Princess Margaret School (PMS) has made a clean sweep of the 2025 Ministry of Sports, Cool and Smooth, and Joma Secondary Schools Football Knockout Championship.

Princess Margaret School captured both boys' and girls' division titles by winning their respective championship deciders at the ABFA Technical Center at Paynters on Friday evening.

Princess Margaret School pulled off a 2-0 victory against the Harrison Centre Antigua and Barbuda School of Continuing Education (HCABSCE) in the boys' division knockout final.

Midfielder Mario Lewis, who was named Most Valuable Player of the final, opened the scoring for Princess Margaret School. Forward Shumba Thomas sealed the victory by producing a brilliant individual effort to score the second goal for his team.

Princess Margaret School came from behind to snatch a 2-1 victory against Antigua Girls High School in the final of the girls' division knockout final.

Nafisa Quashie scored with a free kick from outside the 18-yard box to give Antigua Girls High School the lead.



The Princess Margaret School team pose with their trophies after winning the boys' division title in the 2025 Ministry of Sports, Cool and Smooth, and Joma Secondary Schools Football Knockout Championship at the ABFA Technical Center at Paynters on Friday, October 3, 2025.

But Samoya Weekes scored the equalizer, and Iressiea Allen snatched the winner for Princess Margaret School. Kamiellia Hughes of Princess Margaret School claimed the player of the match award.

The knockout finals were preceded by a march past and official opening ceremony of the 2025 Ministry of Sports, Cool and Smooth, Joma Secondary Schools Football League Championships.

The league will commence with matches in the Under-16 Boys Division, which was won by Princess Margaret School last year.

The defending champions Princess Margaret School will launch the defense of their title against St. An-

thony's Secondary School in the second game of a double-header at Antigua Grammar School at 3:15 pm

Sir Novelle Richards Academy will tackle Antigua Grammar School in the first encounter at 2:15 pm.

Clare Hall Secondary School will begin their campaign against Ottos Comprehensive School in the second game of a double-header at Radio Range in Ottos at 3:15 pm.

Jennings Secondary School and St. Joseph's Academy will clash in the opening encounter at Radio Range at 2:15 pm.

Another under-16 boys' division double-header will take place at the Mock Pond playing field in All Saints.

Irene B. Williams Secondary will tackle All Saints Secondary at 2:15 pm, and St. Mary's Secondary School will clash with Pares Secondary School at 3:15 pm.

The Under-16 Girls' Division will kick off on Tuesday. Matches in the Under-14 Boys' Division, which was won by Antigua Grammar School last year, will commence on Wednesday, while matches in the Under-20 Boys' Division will be played on Thursdays and Fridays.

Princess Margaret School also won last year's titles in the boys' under-20 Division, as well as the under-16 and under-20 girls' divisions.